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## Soviet spy scandal rocks Britain

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LONDON — The case of a spy-translator at the West's most important listening post threatens to explode into one of Britain's worst post-war espionage scandals.

Opposition Laborite Ted Leadbitter Sunday called on Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to report to the House of Commons on the case of Geoffrey Arthur Prime, a Russian linguist who worked at

the ultra-secret Cheltham communications center.

Prime, 44, was charged in July with giving the KGB top-secret information from Britain's chief eavesdropping center and the hub of U.S.-British intelligence links.

The Cheltham center provides raw intelligence data by processing Soviet communications collected by spies, surveillance ships and satellites. Analysts said Prime's information over a nine-year period could

have tipped the Kremlin on what codes to change and what fake data to plant in order to manipulate British — and possibly American — policy.

Vladimir Kuzichkin was at a Sussex "safe house" Sunday telling British agents about the KGB's internal affairs and its campaign to sow subversion in Iran. Agents described Kuzichkin, 35, as a "big fish" whose information could revise Western perceptions of the entire Soviet intelligence network.